

MIDTOWN ABEL ST. UPDATE

City of Milpitas Redevelopment Agency

South Main Street

The vision for S. Main St. is a continuous streetscape design where people can enjoy walking amongst parks and shops. It's not very far away!

Unlike N. Main St., where City Redevelopment funds were used for upgrades, S. Main St. from Carlo St. to Great Mall Parkway will require private partnerships. Beautification and streetscape upgrades will rely upon redevelopment. This will make use of a Plan Line Study that developers follow to construct streetscape improvements from standards set by the City of Milpitas.

In the meantime, S. Main and S. Abel Streets between Great Mall Parkway and Montague Expressway will receive streetscape treatments similar to those completed on Abel St. These improvements are possible through a grant from the Valley Transportation Authority's Community Design & Transportation Fund.

Although implemented over time, all streetscape improvement plans will create pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods with parks and shopping areas that link to public transit.

Midtown Profile: **AnJan Pet & Food Supply**

AnJan has offered a wide selection to all types of Milpitas' favorite residents for 21 years. Employees care about your pet and its nutritional needs. The store even carries a line of natural, holistic dog food. Store manager Aaron Harrison states that construction on N. Main St. hasn't negatively affected business. "People are finding us," he notes. Not surprising when pet owners know there's a store just for them and their best friend!

111 S. Main Street, (408) 263-1774
Aaron Harrison, Store Manager

Abel Street – Alive!

It may have looked like a dead end last year, but Abel St. is ready to flourish! At 95% completion, Abel St.'s landscaped medians, decorative lighting, sidewalks and bike lanes provide a continuous gateway into Milpitas from the Great Mall Parkway to Calaveras Blvd.

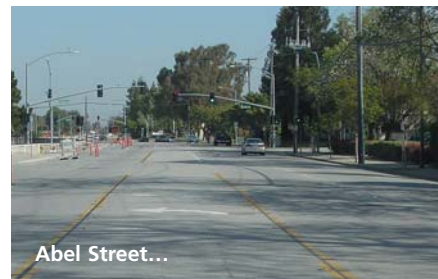
Abel St., a primary north-south artery, is newly constructed to relieve thoroughfare traffic from Main St., thereby reserving Main St. as a destination for drivers looking for places to "Stop & Shop."



Funding for public improvements from the north corner of Corning Ave. to Great Mall Parkway came from requirements of KBHome South Bay, Inc. during construction phases of the Terra Serena development. In addition, the City of Milpitas designed and completed "betterment" improvements beyond what was conditioned of KBHome. Utility infrastructure upgrades such as moving overhead electrical underground, water and sewer

pipework, and installation of pedestrian-friendly street lighting are some of the improvements. New features include sidewalks from Machado Ave. to Great Mall Parkway on the west side of Abel St. and median landscaping from Corning Ave. to Great Mall Parkway. In addition, three new parks were constructed (descriptions on reverse side).

Future plans include extending this streetscape north from Corning Ave. to Weller Ln. and south from Great Mall Parkway to Montague Expressway.



Carlo St. Off-Ramp Conversion

Carlo St. will stay closed to traffic from Abel St., however the ramp could get a change of direction later this year. The Carlo St. ramp would change to an off-ramp for direct access of east bound traffic from Calaveras Blvd. onto Main St. The goal is to bring "destination traffic" into Midtown.

Pending environmental clearance and Caltrans approval, construction could begin in Fall 2008. The Carlo St. Ramp Conversion serves as Phase 1 of a longer-term project to widen Calaveras Blvd. between Abel St. and Milpitas Blvd. Funding for the Calaveras Blvd. Widening project is under review with Caltrans.

Three New Parks

KBHome constructed three new neighborhood parks along Abel St. as a condition of development:



- Tom Evatt Park – This linear park with pedestrian walkways follows the Hetch Hetchy underground pipeline from Thompson St., past Abel St. to Main St.
- John McDermott Park – Set-back from Penitencia Creek just north of Machado Ave., this park runs along the west side of Abel St. and is crossed by Alvarez Ct.
- O'Toole Elms Park (shown left) – Nestled between Abel and Main Sts., this park reflects local history with new elm trees in the setting of a country path.



Streetscape Update

The first phase from Weller Lane to the 237 off-ramp continues with 70% completion of street lighting, signals, landscape and irrigation installation. Sidewalks are being kept open for pedestrians along with street access to businesses on Main St.



Library Update

The new Milpitas Public Library is over 50% complete as of February 2008. The current work includes enclosing the structure to make it weather tight this winter. Roofing, windows, raised flooring, interior walls, stairs, ventilation, electrical and plumbing work are being installed.



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http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/citygov/citycouncil/meeting_documents.htm